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The government has increased efforts to convince its Warsaw Pact allies that it is bringing events under control.

Party leader Kania traveled to East Germany yesterday and, according to the Polish news agency, outlined recent party initiatives to "ensure bringing the country out of the difficult crisis." In Warsaw, Prime Minister Jaruzelski met with ambassadors from the Warsaw Pact countries.

The Polish lobbying effort indicates that Kania wants to be well prepared to field any criticism he encounters during the Soviet party congress that begins next Monday. Although party leaders usually confer on a bilateral basis at the congress, the Soviets also might convene a meeting of party leaders from Warsaw Pact countries to discuss events in Poland. Such a meeting, which would be similar to the one in early December, could be held in secret.

The apparent settlement yesterday of the student strike in Lodz may help strengthen Kania's argument that Warsaw is beginning to turn the tide. The Minister of Higher Education said that the students accepted the government's position on the disputed issues, and late yesterday the Minister made good on his promise to register the students' independent union.

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